

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* PLANTING CORN/SORGHUM AND FERTILIZING PASTURE

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RELEASED: April 5,1999 3:00 p.m.– Temperatures for the week were normal for the week with storms over the weekend bringing some areas above normal rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 3.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 59 percent adequate and 39 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included preparing land for planting of row crops, planting of corn and sorghum, and fertilizing wheat and pasture.

CROPS: Planting corn was reported by several counties. Some counties indicated producers were preparing fields for sorghum, rice, and soybean planting. Fertilizing and applying herbicides to wheat. Tomatoes were being planted and peaches were being sprayed for diseases.

LIVESTOCK: Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves and cull cows from their herds. Producers continued to feed hay. Cattle were given vaccinations, treated for worms, and were reported in good condition statewide. Cattle on wheat pasture were making good gains.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM Planted								
	3	3	5					
CORN Planted								
	14	27	NA					
WHEAT Headed				0	1	13	62	24
	1	7	5					
ALFALFA				0	0	38	62	0
OTH. HAY				1	4	44	50	1
PASTURE				1	12	41	43	3

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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